



Where could this be? That's right. It's in the Town. See Local News on page 5 for the answer.



Local boy scouts assist at Arlington National Cemetery. More pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.



Read about Madison LaManna and PHS softball in Youth Sports on Page 8.

Election Guide

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Wade Yost: For The Love of a Small Town

By Rande Davis

Only in Poolesville would the lack of snow be a downer—not to the residents, of course, but to the town crew responsible for snow removal. It's not that they regret the all night snow plowing, but they do miss the Thrill of the Challenge. When the snow comes, they jump at the chance to show up the state and county plowing crews and don't rest until movement in and around

town is made easy. In talking to the town employees, you find a level of *esprit de corps* more usually associated with a sports team. I am only surprised they don't have their names and numbers on a jersey.

Where does this rare enthusiasm and attitude come from? The answer is found in the leadership style of town manager Wade Yost. Good management starts with effective understanding and empathy with the employees. A leader who can say "been there, done that" gains instant respect



Town Manager Wade Yost

from those he or she leads. In the case of Yost, he can genuinely relate to his employees because his career is defined as a good example of bottom-up experience evolving into super-

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TLC for Your Roses

By Maureen O'Connell

As many of my loyal readers know, I love roses. I have sixty bushes, and some of them are over twenty-five years old. At this time of the year, many people ask me about their care. When is the best time to prune? Should I fertilize? Which are the best roses for our climate? In this column, I shall try to give you some advice, for you too can enjoy the beauty of one of nature's most beautiful flowers.

Roses have to deal with the conditions of all of our four seasons. They are affected by winter's low temperatures, ice, heavy snow, damaging winds, and summer's high temperatures, humidity, and drought or deluge conditions. If we are lucky, spring and fall can provide us with the best blooms and growth. Last

summer's climatic conditions in our area heavily damaged many of my roses. We had a wet, cold spring and a very hot, dry summer. Keeping roses at optimum health in intense summer heat can create many challenges. Last year by mid-July, the important process of photosynthesis almost completely shut down in my roses. Plants use sunlight to undergo this process of converting light into food. Roses need warm temperatures to sustain this process that will chemically create sugars for energy, but temperatures that are too high can inhibit photosynthesis; water is lost in the plants' cells, and growth is slowed or stopped. Heavy watering of the plants did not make any difference. By August, I had to cut back—almost to the ground—many of my very old David Austin roses. Our past winter has been one of the mildest on record in the D.C. area. I did not lose many perennials, but my roses had to recover from their severe

haircut of last August. Now, here is where we see the hardiness of many roses; this year they bounced back with new vigor and new growth. I have selected my David Austin roses with particular attention to hardiness. Some of them are over twenty to twenty-five years old and over seven feet tall, so they periodically need a good pruning. This opens up the interior of a bush to more sunlight and air movement, which is a good preventive step against powdery mildew.

Contrary to what many gardeners think, roses are not that difficult to grow, if you follow a few guidelines and give them a little extra care during the growing season. I will admit that they are not as easy to grow as a zinnia or marigold, but you cannot compare the look of these humble annuals to the beauty of a rose. You reap what you sow. My first

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Family Album



Poolesville Boy Scout Troop 496 paid their respects at Arlington National Cemetery.



Montgomery County Council President Roger Berliner toured Poolesville High School as part of the campaign by Alex Pike and Kyria Danna to promote the need for a new high school building. Susan Krouner, Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski, Roger Berliner, Alex, Kyria, and Town Commission President Eddie Kuhlman.



Local girl scouts gathered to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We are writing this letter to inform your readership about the profound ability of the Boy Scouts to provide service to the Poolesville community and why Scouting is a great opportunity for young men.

We are members of Boy Scout Troop 496, located in Poolesville. We meet each week at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase chapter of the Izaak Walton League. Our troop ranges in age from eleven to seventeen, and we are all mostly residents of the Poolesville area.

We feel that the Boy Scouts of America is an important source of community service and productive activities for boys of this age.

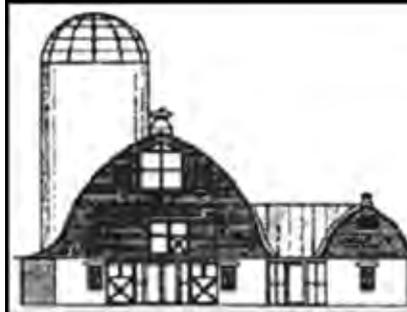
Within the past month alone, our troop collected more than 4,000 pounds of food for WUMCO. We built a fence around a veteran's memorial for the Poolesville chapter of the American Legion. We also were honored to lay a wreath at the

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Boy Scouts creates a structured environment in which boys are able to be productive. Scouting provides leadership roles for each boy who participates. A rank system within the Boy Scouts requires scouts to perform tasks in order to advance in rank. The skill set that boys acquire in Scouting will aid them later in life, in whatever career they choose.

We as Boy Scouts highly encourage other boys to take up the challenge of becoming a Boy Scout and, hopefully, becoming an Eagle Scout, which is the goal of most boys who enter the program; however, even for those who do not reach that goal of Eagle Scout, the lessons and achievements they earn through Scouting will help them later in life.

Sincerely,
 Alex Hayden (age 16)
 Luke Terrell (age 12)
 Darby Johnson (age 11)
 BSA Troop 496



SUGARLOAF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER March 2012

"Protecting our rural legacy"

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Dickerson, MD 20842

Visit our Web site: www.sugarloafcitizens.org

Sugarloaf's Annual Meeting 2012

We invite you to attend the Annual Meeting of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, Inc. to be held **Saturday, April 28, 2012 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Barn at Linden Farm, 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson, Maryland.**

We are pleased to welcome our District 2 County Councilmember **Craig Rice** as our featured speaker.

A continental breakfast will be served, and after the meeting, bags of Leafgro will once again be available.

The Annual Meeting provides the SCA Board the opportunity to share information about projects and issues that have been on our agenda through the past year. The meeting also provides an opportunity for you to share your concerns and experiences to help SCA set its goals for the coming year. The Piedmont Environmental Council has invited two of their 2011 Grant Recipients to present their projects to the membership.

The election of officers and Board members will also take place at the Annual Meeting. Voting is reserved for members in good standing as of March 28, 2012. The following is the slate of officers and board members for 2012-2013:

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Nominations for 2012 – 2013

Officers:

President	Jim Choukas-Bradley
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Tina Brown	Jaime Field	Gil Rocha
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Jay Cinque	Jane Hunter	Anne Sturm
Eric Cronquist	Carrie Laurencot	John Thompson

Don't miss our fourth annual **Seed and Plant Swap on Saturday, May 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the barn at Linden Farm.** Any and all local residents are invited to swap or sell seedlings or plants from their gardens. In addition, we will again offer bags of Leafgro. Please join us at this popular event to share plants and fellowship with your neighbors!

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Commentary

Hey, We're Out Here, Too

By John Clayton

Here it comes again: I'm going to exhort you to vote in the upcoming April 3 primary election. There's no presidential race, and it's only a primary, so you're probably not too excited. You may also be tired of telephone calls and postcards in your mailbox. You may be wondering what is left for one candidate to accuse another candidate of doing or being, or having done or having been, or will do, or will always be. Any escalation at this point will probably involve accusations of felonies, if they haven't already—the election may be getting here just in time. Honestly, I thought the bare knuckle stuff happened in other places, not in our beloved Montgomery County, the home of good government, verdant fields of winter wheat, Smart Growth, and cloth shopping bags. I was wrong.

Nevertheless, you should vote in the primary. Yes, you should also floss more often, clean up after your pet, and stop talking on your handheld device while speeding around blind corners on two-lane roads. We already know that adult citizens should vote, avoid tobacco, and never be seen in public playing with an Etch-a-Sketch, but here it goes anyway.

First, an old and obvious factoid: by virtue of living in the predominantly rural Agricultural Reserve, or in southern Frederick County, or Washington, Allegheny, or Garrett Counties, which share our Congressional District 6, our population is dwarfed by lower Montgomery County. This is by design, as we all know, in order to elect a Democrat. If one drills down to the area covered by this newspaper, western upper Montgomery County and southern Frederick County, we are even more marginalized.

Steven Silverman, the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Economic De-

velopment, spoke at the Linden Barns a few weeks ago on, among other things, what should or should not be permitted in the Ag Reserve. The conversation, as it usually does at events such as these, moved into the topic of just how the down county's opinion of the Ag Reserve will affect its future. This may be more of an issue in the next county council elections, as our representation districts have been changed there as well, but that attitude, and our ability to affect the beliefs of those that increasingly outnumber us, is of importance to our future.

My basic point is this: people that vote, grouped by identity characteristics or geography, get more attention and respect from elected officials than people that don't vote. One of the reasons that Social Security is considered the third rail of American politics, i.e., too hot to touch, is that retired people and about-to-be-retired people vote in large numbers. Tea Party members vote in large numbers, and Occupy Wall Street campers probably do not vote in large numbers. We'll see who continues to have more of an effect on government. When someone wants, to paraphrase statements by Mr. Silverman, to cut off a piece of the Ag Reserve to meet other needs, it won't hurt if the county council or our state representatives or our congressman know that Upcounty people vote in large numbers. Maybe someone will want to build a new bridge and a road. We'll make noise when that happens, but if they already know we vote in larger percentages than most people, maybe it won't even get that far. Angry clamor is great, but those votes really get attention.

So don't vote because it will make you a better citizen, because it won't. Vote because it is in your interest to make our collective voice as strong as it can be. Vote for someone you like, or vote against someone you don't like. Vote in the primary because it's a good habit and will make it easier to vote the next time—and keep flossing.

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Rande(m) Thoughts

If You Know a Hero, Clap Your Hands.

By Rande Davis

As a military parent, my thoughts are never far from those who serve our nation in the uniformed services. That got me wondering about that banner originally placed by Bob Ouellette in Selby's Market honoring our current heroes.

So many changes have occurred for those on the list, and it's time to update and find a new home for such a similar tribute. I was speaking to Jerry Klobukowski, a fellow member of the American Legion Post 247, about the banner, and he feels confident that the town hall could become its new home. Over the years, I have been asked numerous times about the names of local residents who have served or serve in the Afghanistan and Iraq War Zones. We, at the American Legion, have struggled to determine a

complete list, a list that naturally changes from time to time.

I believe that most would agree that a new tribute should be established and having it in our town hall would be an excellent place to display it. The American Legion Post 247 would be honored to take the lead, but we need your help. If you know of anyone locally who has served in active duty these past ten years please let me know. These persons should be from Poolesville or its immediate surrounding townships. The design of the tribute will be planned in such a way that while able to stay current, it will still present a dignified way to honor these individuals.

There have been discussions to add other groups to this concept. Some have suggested all veterans, while others suggest including first responders.

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Local News

Barnesville Displays New Signs

By John Clayton

On each main road approach to Barnesville, passersby will notice that new signs have replaced the old signs. According to Mayor Luke Fedders, the new signs have been talked about for "over a couple of years."

The new signs were designed by Dave Ashley Signs in Comus, using the already-designed and -used Town Emblem/Seal. Ashley Signs also designed the sign that is mounted above the entry to the recently-restored Town Hall on the corner of Barnesville Road and Old Hundred Road.

The Barnesville Commissioners voted and agreed on the final designs, with citizen

input at town meetings. Mr. Fedders said the council also agreed that the town would pay for the signs and their installation. He added that the town has received a number of positive compliments from those within and outside of Barnesville.

One of the old signs has been kept by the town and will be displayed at the Barnesville Town Hall in the near future. The other three signs were handed over to the Menke family. The old town signs were made by Barnesville's previous mayor, the late Peter Menke.



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Business Briefs

Poolesville Small Engine Expands and Relocates

Carl Hobbs of Poolesville Small Engine has taken his company to a whole new level of product and services by moving into a new location in Boyds at 15100 Barnesville Road on March 26. The facility, formerly Anderson-Kelly Auto Parts, is a major expansion for the company not only in increased space availability for small engine repair and service, but also for the opportunity to offer a full line of new and used lawn care products and a complete line of parts and supplies for the equipment.

Hobbs, who has been fixing small engines nearly his entire life, opened Poolesville Small Engine next to Poolesville Hardware in 2004. A couple of years ago, he moved to a location on Route 28. This recent move to Boyds establishes the company as a dealer/distributor of new and used mowers and lawn care products

featuring Stihl, Lawn Boy, Toro, and Kawasaki.

The main building will be a retail store that will feature a large showroom to display his array of new lawn care equipment including mowers, trimmers, chainsaws, blowers, edgers, hedge trimmers, and more. The store will also have a customer service area selling a complete line of parts and supplies for small engine equipment of every type.

Next to the retail store, Hobbs has his service and maintenance building, which also holds the main office, and a secured fenced-in area to display other new and used lawn care equipment.

All About Equestrian Moves to Larger Facility

The equestrian enthusiasts living within the Ag Reserve will be happy to see the new location and expanded space for Poolesville's All About Equestrian tack and equestrian supply store. Previously located in the rear of Poolesville Hardware at 19961

Fisher Avenue, All About Equestrian has moved to a large, 1,100 square foot, beautifully-decorated retail store at the same address but next to Bob's Bikes. The interior of the retail store has a barn-like look with matching shelving and display counters.

Maria Tobin and Rachel Dahl will be running the store that offers a full line of equestrian and tack supplies. Both are looking for ideas from customers as to product lines they might introduce to the store.

The move will be celebrated during a grand opening weekend of April 14 and 15. Along with many free samples, they will have free snacks and refreshments for customers. In addition, clients of the store will help celebrate the grand opening by selling used tack and other equestrian items under a tent in the parking lot.

Jim Brown Joins Turning Point Real Estate

Turning Point Real Estate has announced that Poolesville's Jim Brown recently joined as a resi-

dential sales associate. Leaving a career in print sales, Brown found the transition to real estate a natural fit. "I've bought and sold my own properties my whole adult life," says Jim, "so transitioning from printing sales to working in real estate was a natural fit for me. Working in real estate is really about working with people, and if you know me, you know that's my passion. I really enjoy this profession and communicating with others to help achieve their goals."

"We're very excited to be adding yet another sales professional of Jim's caliber to our office," says Joe Anselmo, CEO and Co-Owner of Turning Point Real Estate. "He's extremely customer-service oriented, and his track record of accomplishment in his prior endeavors is highly applicable to this profession."



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Local News

Commissioners Move Forward on Charter Changes and Action on Inflow and Infiltration

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Commissioners approved four changes to the town charter following a scheduled public hearing on March 19. There were no public comments offered during the hearing.

The first resolution, following state law and through ordinances set by the commissioners, established the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals within the charter. The other three resolutions deleted sections in the charter that set regulations for the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), the Board of Parks, Recreation, and Streets (BPRS), and the Sign Advisory Board (SAB).

These charter amendments will take effect fifty days from the adoption scheduled for April 2

unless residents objecting produce a petition of voters to the town hall within forty days of that date. Petition requirements can be obtained at the town hall.

Additionally, the commissioners approved two town ordinance changes establishing and regulating the BPRS and the Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC).

The purpose of these changes, as recommended by town attorney Jay Gullo, utilizes the town charter much like a constitution that notes town powers; whereas, the specifics of regulations of committees will be more efficiently served through town code ordinances.

The commissioners have scheduled public hearings on proposed code changes regarding the SAB and the BZA. The proposed new ordinance regulating the SAB will allow town staff to approve sign applications without review of the SAB, but has the SAB adjudicate decisions on sign applications that are in dispute by the applicant.

Town Engineer John Strong

of Huron Corporation provided a presentation on alternatives to addressing inflow and infiltration problems within the town. Cracks in pipes, leaks at joints, and intrusions from roots are among the causes of undesirable leakage into the wastewater system.

The commissioners approved expenditures for additional subcontracting video and metering services for a two-week pilot study during a rain event to better understand problem areas within the town. The total cost of \$66,000 was obtained through the use of unrestricted funds, which now brings that fund down to about \$800,000.

For the major work of relining the decades-old pipes in the Westerly Subdivision, the cost ranges from \$1,600,000 to \$6,200,000. To take advantage of the lowest possible interest rates, a Request for Proposal (RFP) and the initiation of a loan process was authorized by the town commission.

Town Manager Wade Yost, after supplying his findings from a Request for Information for in-

stallation of a solar energy system to power the town hall and six additional meters for pump stations, was authorized to put out a RFP to solar energy firms for its installation. The installation would create a solar farm on ten acres of land near the town water and wastewater plant.

Finally, the commissioners approved an \$800 expenditure to benefit the PHS Post Prom event and reappointed Ralph Hitches to the BZA, Tim Pike to the BPRS, Michelle Roche to the Ethics Commission, and Tim Whitehouse to the CEDC. Four residents were newly appointed to committees: Nick Tucci to the Ethics Commission, Cliff Branscome to the Board of Elections, and Frank Jamison and George Virkus to the CEDC.

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I am a single father, a veteran, and a former assistant public defender. My experience as a public defender and as a single parent shows me just what this man-made economic disaster is doing

to those least able to withstand hardship. Due to the neglect of the past, it is vital that we now start a public works project, infusing federal dollars into reopening the entire length of the C&O Canal as an international tourist attraction. Workers all along this backbone of the Sixth District would be paid wages and college courses, training them as new age workers in new technologies. This effort must be complemented by a “trade delegation” to go where others are doing better in this economy and to learn and lure capital back into the Sixth District.

We must pass the Equal Rights Amendment, so those whom we charge with raising our children

are given due recognition.

We must protect Social Security and Medicare by removing the salary cap on FICA.

We must embrace our wounded soldiers and bring all service members home safely.

My vision is of a vibrant, diverse district of varying interests connected in a common bond of economic development from the innovative research and development in the labs of Montgomery and Frederick Counties to the future-refitted and state of the art new technology plants in the western counties. America will rebuild again, I am certain. This time I want the Sixth District to lead the way.



**Roscoe G. Bartlett,
Republican,
Frederick County**

After successful careers as a professor, research scientist, inventor, small business owner, and farmer, I have been humbled to represent the people of the Sixth District of Maryland since 1993.

Thanks to my decades of diverse and challenging private sector accomplishments, including twenty patents for my inventions, I have consistently confronted the facts. I trust voters and taxpayers know best what they need and to spend the money that they earn. I’ve sought out and worked with other members willing to develop and have voted for practical solutions to the tough issues which first inspired me to run. Americans must reduce the size and scope of our federal government which has brought us an escalating and crushing debt burden so that young American workers and our children will have the same opportunities to fulfill their dreams that I did. I have never

voted for job-killing tax increases. I have sponsored and voted for legislation to reduce counterproductive regulations, real spending cuts, for a balanced budget amendment to our Constitution, repeal of Obamacare, and for the Keystone pipeline to be built to refine petroleum in the United States. I have been an outspoken proponent of the wise use of finite fossil fuels and the development of diverse, domestic, and sustainable and renewable sources of energy. Conservation, efficiency, and new technologies are needed to reduce the leverage of OPEC and Americans’ dependence upon foreign oil. With your vote, I will continue to fight for a brighter, more prosperous future for all Americans.



**David R. Brinkley,
Republican,
Frederick County**

I was born in Frederick and have lived fifty-two years in the center of the Sixth Congressional District. I am a certified financial planner. My public service began as a volunteer firefighter and EMT

with the New Market District Volunteer Fire Company. Twice, I was elected to the House of Delegates and am currently serving in my third term in the Senate.

Unlike our representatives in Washington, I have never voted for a budget which was out of balance or attempted to mask our dire fiscal crisis by voting to increase our debt. It is time to stop digging a deeper hole in Washington.

I have one of the Senate’s highest pro-jobs ratings.

I have supported Roscoe Bartlett for twenty years, and I might have again if things were different, if things were better, or if Congress was listening, but Washington’s inability to pay

for its promises has only gotten worse. During his time in office, our national debt has tripled to over fifteen trillion dollars.

It’s time to stop passing the buck. It’s time to stop passing the bill to future generations.

For my leadership on conservative and fiscal issues, my Republican colleagues elected me to serve as both the Senate Minority Whip and Minority Leader. I am currently the Chair of the Frederick County Delegation.

Republican leaders believe I am the candidate who can keep this a Republican district and bring a pro-jobs record and fiscal discipline to Washington.

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, April 3.

Youth Sports

**Falcons Look
Bright for
Softball**

By Jeff Stuart

The weather was overcast but comfortably warm for the opening of the softball season against visiting Whitman. The grass was really green owing to the mild winter. There were new dugouts, a new outfield fence, and other improvements. In fact, the park was sparkling. Junior shortstop Kelsey Carnahan singled home the first Poolesville run of the season in the first inning, scoring Alexa Raines who had led off the inning with a walk after sophomore pitcher Madison LaManna had held the Vikings scoreless in the top of the first. The Falcons led, 6-1, after three innings. The lead could have been bigger. Left fielder Julia Duncan hit the ball on the nose several times but had little to show for it. Other Falcons hit in tough luck, too, but a tough Whitman defense was in part responsible for that.

The Whitman pitcher seemed to get stronger after giving up some the early runs posting some key late strikeouts—and Whitman rallied.

In the top of the fourth, with two out and runners on, Duncan fielded a hit lined deep to left and threw the ball to Carnahan who relayed it to junior third baseman Essence Scott in time to nail the runner at third. That kept the Vikings at bay for a while—until they tied the game in the fifth.

Scott had a one-out hit in the bottom of the fifth but was stranded when the next batter hit into a second to first (tagged the runner) double play. With some good defense by senior first baseman Amy Defnet and Carnahan, the Falcons moved the game into

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the bottom of the seventh.

Scott had a two-out hit and reached third on an outfield error, but that was really the last hope for the Falcons as Whitman rallied for four runs in the top of the eighth to lead, 10-6. Poolesville could not match their late season magic from last year—not on opening day anyway.

Poolesville pitcher, Patti Maloney, threw pitches to her dad on the sidelines. She will attend Fordham on a softball scholarship next fall, but a torn knee ligament has sidelined her for this year.

One game does not a season make, and the Falcons have a solid lineup. Carnahan is the Falcons' all time leader in runs scored. She hit .500 last year and is one of the best shortstops in the county. Defnet broke the team record for triples last year, hitting .523 with thirteen extra base hits. She was third in the county with thirty-four RBI. Defensively, she is outstanding, finishing last year with a .945 fielding percentage.

There is a lot of speed in the outfield with Duncan in left, junior Kelly Hughes in center, and junior Jennifer Haller in right. Senior Jenny Patton is another speedster and outfielder. Used frequently as a pinch runner last year, Jenny will look to play an expanded role this season. Junior catcher Morgan Howard batted .407 with sixteen RBI and eight extra base hits last year, scoring twenty-one runs. She is an outstanding catcher.

Despite the disappointing beginning to the season, the goal is still to win the region, and this year's roster, under the guidance of Coach Laurie Wohnhas, has the proven talent to achieve that goal.



**Robert Coblentz,
Republican,
Washington County**

Robert currently resides in Williamsport. Robert earned a Bachelor's of Science degree, Cum Laude, in Management Information Systems from Salisbury University. Robert is

a Project Manager (PMP) and Senior Systems Analyst. Robert's background in technology and project management has provided him with direct experience identifying inefficiencies and wasteful spending. Robert has optimized business practices and created new policies to streamline procedures which reduced costs, increased staff effectiveness and customer satisfaction. Robert is past Vice President of the Washington County Republican club; a current Commissioner of the Housing Authority of Washington County; board member of the Tri-County Council; and serves as an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Robert is running for Congress because the issues that are plaguing our country are not new. He knows we need principled leadership to address and reform our immigration, entitlement, and tax and spending issues.

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**John Delaney,
Democrat,
Montgomery County**

President Bill Clinton, the *Washington Post*, and the *Gazette* have all stated that I'm the best candidate because they know that I'll be an effective advocate for middle class families in the Sixth

District. I believe we don't have to settle for high unemployment, harsh budget cuts, and a Congress paralyzed by extremists on the right. I bring the real-world experience and leadership on job creation that is lacking in a Washington dominated by career politicians and lobbyists. Our problems are solvable, but we keep asking the wrong group of people to solve them. I've founded two successful companies here in Maryland and have helped thousands of small businesses grow as a lender. At delaney2012.com, I've posted detailed policy papers and my 5 E's Plan, which is the core of my campaign platform. The 5 E's are Employment,

Energy, Education, Environment, and Ethics. By making smart investments in infrastructure, alternative energy technology, and education, we can develop the twenty-first century economy that we need to grow the middle class again.



**Robin Ficker,
Republican,
Montgomery County**

Robin Ficker, a Montgomery County Congressman for Montgomery County. I was born and lived here for over sixty years!

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and twitter: [robinficker2012](https://twitter.com/robinficker2012).

As a self-employed businessman, I'll fight for job growth in Maryland, energy independence from foreign oil, less costly and less burdensome regulation, and, most importantly, restoring Montgomery County to the quality of life we used to be able to afford.

I'm the only major Republican candidate who actually lives here—and remembers how special life was here—and could be again. Our opponents include three Frederick County legislators, two of whom don't even live in our Congressional District and can't even vote for themselves on April 3. I have a home office at my farm at 16711 Barnesville Road in Boyds. Stop by!



**Rob Garagiola,
Democrat,
Montgomery County**

I'm running for Congress because Washington isn't working for working families, and I intend to do something about it. For decades, families have been climbing up the economic ladder

of success, and in the past few years, the rungs of that ladder have been breaking, and families have been falling into tough economic times. This is simply unacceptable. The federal government can and should help middle class and working families.

As the father of three kids in public schools, I know it's always been the goal of a parent to try to make the next generation have it better than the last. This is the first time in a while that it's not happening. The direction of our country is about the choices we make. I truly believe that we can rebuild the middle class if Congress starts getting things done.

I have a proven track record of getting things done. I've fought

for the middle class and working families – that's why every single union has endorsed our campaign. I've been a leader in education and investing in our kids – that's why the teachers are supporting our campaign. I've been a champion for green jobs and protecting our environment – that's why the environmental groups are behind our campaign.

I'm not a legislator who just votes for or against something. I'm a legislator who makes things happen, like building a renewable energy industry in our state. I've proven that I can get things done.



**Peter James,
Republican,
Montgomery County**

The number one issue in this election is the **Economy and Jobs**. Every other Candidate running, will tell you they are going to "Create Jobs." I tell you this is NONSENSE !

It is impossible to create any new jobs when there is not enough money in circulation to put into those new paychecks. Unless, of course, everyone wants to take a pay cut. Instead of creating jobs, I will go to Washington to create just and sound money to put into those paychecks.

My opponents are either elected politicians or just plain rich guys (with the exception of one guy from Washington County). The incumbent is both. These people do not really understand what it is like to live paycheck to paycheck. I do. I understand how you feel because I experience the daily

stresses you face paying the bills and worrying about your and your children's futures.

Throughout history, we have seen times of economic turmoil and times of economic prosperity. On every occasion when prosperity has lasted long periods of time, there was a sound, fair, honest, and JUST money system in place.

We sold our house just before the housing bubble burst. After five years of trading stocks, I cashed in right before the stock market crashed. I warned every elected official in 2008, including three of my current opponents, of the coming banking collapse and like Nero they completely

ignored these warnings and went on fiddling.
Please get all my views on the issues at PeterJames2012.com



**Joseph "Joe"
Kryzstoforski,
Republican,
Baltimore County**

Website: <http://jtkforcongress.org>. E-mail: campaign@jtkforcongress.org

I will bring to Congress over thirty-five years' experience in ed-

ucation, technology, healthcare, banking, finance, community service, emergency management, and the political arena. Using my experience across multiple disciplines as a CEO, business executive, and entrepreneur, I will return common sense to the House of Representatives.

My legislative priorities are all national security issues.

Economic and Fiscal Accountability: reduce the national debt and deficit, cut spending, send a balance budget amendment to the states with spending limits and emergency action provisions, and reduce our dependency on foreign sources to fund the government.

Energy Self-Reliance: increased

domestic exploration and production, market-driven innovation and diversification of fuel sources, to include bio-diesel, coal gasification, nuclear, natural gas and geothermal, will provide lasting energy security.

Immigration: secure the borders, implement e-verify, enforce immigration laws, no jobs for illegal aliens, no benefits with impunity, no amnesty with impunity, no in-state tuition, and no birthright citizenship.

We must embrace free market principles, control spending, repeal restrictive regulatory legislation, and eliminate the bureaucracies they created. Reduce tax rates to boost economic growth, adopt a fair, simplified tax code, open

overseas markets to U.S. goods, rein in the NLRB, and promote job growth through the support of small businesses, the foundation of our economy. Restore confidence and eliminate uncertainty. The end result will be an economic emancipation that will create jobs.

The economy, jobs, rising energy prices, community development, economic development, and infrastructure are basic priorities for both the urban and rural areas of the district.



**Ron Little,
Democrat,
Montgomery County**

America is at a crossroads, we can either continue to let our governments be run by corporate, special, and lobbying interests, or we, the Voters, can choose to take back America. The voters have

the power to remake this country one vote and one Congressional District at a time.

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Removing the salary cap on Social Security thus securing its stability;

Putting citizen candidates into political office.

The Founding Fathers envisioned a Congress filled with citizen candidates—members of their communities who work alongside their neighbors and volunteer their time to make the communities prosper.

I am that citizen candidate—a voice for our neighbors and communities who have, for twenty years, gone unrepresented in Congress. I bring fourteen years of experience working in our communities, counties, and state finding real solutions to everyday

problems. Combine this with my work as an attorney and you have a qualified Representative who is both a neighbor and advocate for all citizens of Western Maryland.

Let your voice be heard and vote on April third.



**Milad Pooran,
Democrat,
Frederick County**

I am Milad Pooran, from Jefferson. I'm a doctor and a proud member of the U.S. military. Over the last thirteen years, I've been a member of the Air National Guard, including in Iraq as a com-

bat trauma medic.

When I was six years old, my parents' vision brought our family to America.

I am running for Congress because I refuse to accept the end of the American Dream that brought my family here.

I am running for Congress because too many of us are struggling to find meaningful work, no matter how hard we look. I will fight for new jobs and to protect our existing jobs.

I am running for Congress to fix a tax system that shelters those who can most afford to pay their share.

I am running for Congress to help return our education system

to what it once was: a ladder into the middle class for millions, and to work to provide every American with affordable health care.

I am running for Congress to help make sure our country honors its promise to our veterans, active-duty military, and their families.

I refuse to accept a choice for the 6th District between entrenched Annapolis political power and entrenched Wall Street money power. These are two sides of the same bad penny.

I present a real choice. My pledge to you is that I will never be beholden to any special interest. I will owe only you.



**Brandon Orman
Rippeon,
Republican,
Montgomery County**

Brandon Rippeon is a Darnestown, Maryland resident. Brandon Rippeon is one of the few Maryland 6th Congressional candidates who actually lives in

the 6th District. Brandon Rippeon is a successful businessman and the only candidate with personal experience operating a \$100 million company. Brandon is not an Annapolis or D.C. career politician. Brandon has the leadership, management, and decision-making skills which are desperately needed right now in Congress. Brandon Rippeon's campaign platform is based on fiscal responsibility; free markets; individual liberty and responsibility; and limited government. Please visit www.rippeonforcongress.com.

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Local News

At Easter, Bring the Farm to the Home
By Kristen Milton

For those who love the springtime depiction of yellow-fuzzed chicks but not the realities of chicken adolescence, Poolesville's Rocklands Farm is offering a new Rent-a-Chick Program in time for the Easter holiday.

Farm manager Greg Glenn said more than forty-five people have signed up so far to take home days-old chicks and return them approximately two weeks later—a time, Glenn said, when their fuzz will be falling out and their feathers coming in.

"They kind of lose their appeal after three weeks," he laughed.

Glenn said a friend heard of a similar program at a farm in North Carolina and suggested it might be a good fit for Montgomery County. In its third year of operation, Rocklands is already home to about twenty hens who were brought to the farm in the weeks after Easter.

"So many people want for Easter, for springtime, new life and baby animals," Glenn said, but within a few weeks, the farm would get calls looking for a way out. "Kids outgrow their interest; they don't have the facilities to raise them, and they're not so cute and cuddly anymore," he said.

The farm's chick rental program, which costs \$25, allows "foster families" to pick up two chicks,



complete with bedding, feed, and instructions, and return them several weeks later in exchange for an egg coupon. "We're trying to make it as streamlined as possible," Glenn said.

As word has spread through farmers' markets and local food groups, residents from as far away as Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Washington, D.C. have signed up to participate. Glenn said the farm is prepared to accommodate up to two hundred renters. He hopes there will be a strong educational component to the experience as well as enjoyment of the chicks.

"We hope it brings up a conversation in the families of what chickens do, what do they need, how to care for them...Kind of bringing the farm to the house," Glenn said.

Once returned, the chicks will join the farm's stock of meat chickens being raised free-range on the Poolesville pasture. Staff will likely need to draw on their experience with school tours to deal with children on returns day, Glenn acknowledged.

"It might be a very teachable moment to show them around and what chickens grow up to be and how this will be a good home for them, and maybe their closet is not the best home," he said.

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Tidbits

Van Hollen Announces Annual Art Competition for High School Students

Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen opened the annual Congressional Art Competition for submissions. High school artists who live or attend school in the Eighth Congressional District are invited to submit work for the thirty-first annual Congressional Art Competition. The winning entry will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year, and runners-up will be displayed in Congressman Van Hollen's congressional offices.

To participate, students must complete and submit an entry form, which they can find online at www.vanhollen.house.gov or by calling 301-424-3501. Entry forms need to be signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and a faculty member and faxed to the congressman's office at 301-424-5992 or emailed to Karen.McManus@mail.house.gov

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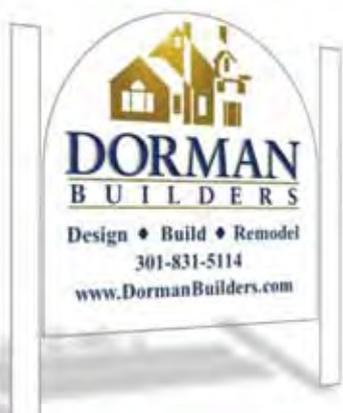
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Additionally, Congressman Van Hollen will host an Arts Celebration and Awards Reception to showcase the exhibit, to honor all participants, and to announce awards at VisArts on Monday, April 30, 2012 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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17634 Kohlhoss Rd., Wesmond	\$149,000	3	2.5	\$5,254	0	None	Finished	35
17611 Kohlhoss Rd., Wesmond	\$187,000	3	2.5	\$5,242	0	None	Finished	55
19161 Dowden Circle, Wesmond	\$190,000	3	1/1	\$0	1	2 Car	Finished	10
17213 Whites Rd., Westerly	\$321,500	4	2.5	\$6,300	1	2 Car	None	6
17312 Chiswell Rd., Westerly	\$352,000	4	2.5	\$8,130	1	1 Car	None	0
20300 Whites Ferry Rd., Poolesville	\$400,000	3	3	\$12,000	0	None	Finished	184
1 Tom Fox Ct., Hunters Run	\$545,000	5	3.5	\$0	1	2 Car	Finished	105
17614 Cobb Ave., Stoney Springs	\$618,000	4	4.5	\$17,000	1	2 Car	Finished	71
17616 Cobb Ave., Stoney Springs	\$618,000	4	4.5	0	1	2 Car	Part. Finished	255
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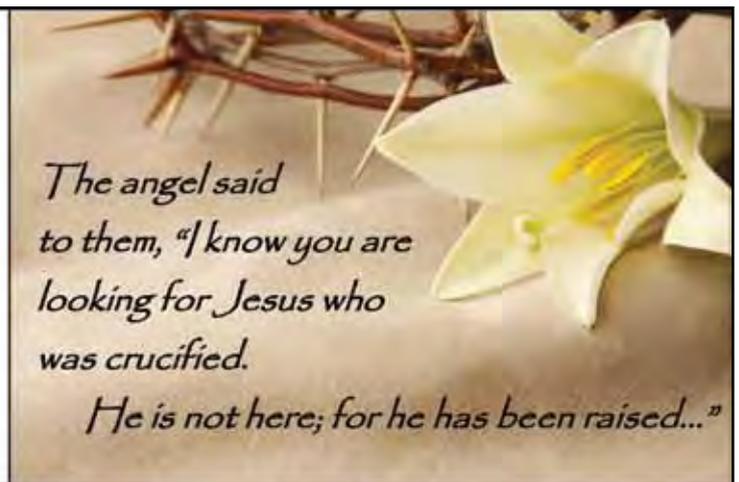
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The 2012 Annual Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce dinner was held at the Izaak Walton League in Poolesville.

Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

Assault: 17500 block of Christer Street, 14800 block of Sugarland Road.

Theft: 17600 block of Cobb Avenue, 18900 block of Wasche Road, 18400 block of Edwards Ferry Road.

Disorderly conduct complaints: 17600 block of Kohlhoss Road, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue.

Past Crime

April 1, 1950 An Aliquippa, Pennsylvania woman was killed on Route 240, north of Gaithersburg. Police said that she and her husband had been on the way to view the cherry blossoms in Washington when the husband fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into a power pole.

April 2, 1958 An eighteen-year-old Washington youth was

sentenced to ninety days in the Montgomery County jail for assaulting a police officer. The young man had been ejected from Glen Echo Park on its opening day for fighting. He then returned and got into another fight and police were called. While he was being led to a police car, he punched the officer. Judge Einar Christensen said, "We are not going to have Washington hoodlums come out here and assault our policemen."

April 3, 1952 A thirty-five-year-old cook was arrested by Montgomery County Police detectives for passing bad checks throughout the county. The man told detectives that his wife had complained that he had been looking "shabby," so he decided to obtain money to buy new clothing.

April 5, 1958 A four-year-old Washington boy was found in a wooded area not far from the

River Road farm where he had vanished. A team of 150 firemen, forty police officers, and scores of volunteers searched the woods for more than four hours before he was found. Two Bethesda teenagers who had heard news of the search on the radio were credited with finding the lad.

April 11, 1956 Bennie Lee Slack of Darnestown pleaded guilty to second degree murder in the killing of his father during a drinking spree. Slack's plea

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Easter Sunday Services: April 8
Easter Sunrise Service
 (Hosted by Boyds Presbyterian, on Sugarloaf Mountain)
Easter Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Easter Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Local News

Pike Selected For PACC Community Service Award

Tim Pike was the 2012 recipient of the PACC Community Service award. He currently serves on the Parks Board for the town, the Community and Economic Development Committee, and the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He has donated countless hours of his time to the boy scouts, his church teaching CCD, the post prom committee, the Jaycees, and all town events. His business, Pike and Valega, DDS, which he runs with his wife, Margaret Valega, generously donates its property for school car washes, sign postings, and community events. Tim and Margaret sponsor many local organizations

including a Halloween candy buy back to support Operation Gratitude, a blood drive for cancer survivors, and Relay for Life. In making the award, PACC President Hilary Schwab Shapiro also pointed out that Tim, beyond all his contributions, is "just an all-around nice guy."



PACC President Hilary Schwab Shapiro presents Tim Pike with the 2012 PACC Community Service Award.

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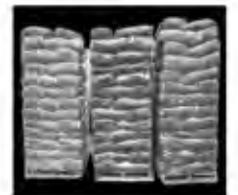
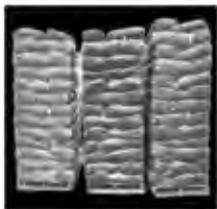
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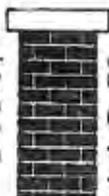
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**“TLC for Roses” Continued
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tip is to choose the right rose for our Hardiness Zone 7 and soil and light conditions. Make sure that its size and habit will suit its position in the garden. Most rose plants bought from a garden center or plant catalog carry a little tag that lists all of its growth requirements and resistance level to diseases and pests. Don't buy a rose solely because you like its color or fragrance and ignore its requirements. For Monocacy Country rose gardens, I look for varieties that have very good resistance to black spot and powdery mildew and are drought and heat tolerant.

There are two ways you can purchase roses: bare rooted or in containers. Both have their virtues, but generally I would favor the bare rooted. The ones in containers might be easier to plant—its bud union is at the correct level for planting, you have a longer period of time to get it into the ground, and if it is in bud, you can see the color of

the flower—but not all garden centers look after their potted roses too well. You might end up with a poor specimen. If you are looking for roses a bit out of the ordinary, a garden catalogue will offer a larger selection of all kinds of roses.

Many gardeners think that correct pruning is an exact science; it is not. It is something of an art with much latitude in its interpretation. Basically, you prune for two reasons: in the fall and late winter to remove any dead or diseased branches, and all during the growing season to keep the bush in the size and form that you desire, and in the natural growth habit of the particular rose variety.

I fertilize all of my roses once a month, starting with the first appearance of new leaf growth, which in our area is usually about mid to late March. I use a slow-release or organic-based rose fertilizer applied to the ground. I occasionally use a foliar feed to help keep the leaves healthy. In our drought-prone climate,

watering is very important to the health of a rose. It is of little use to fertilize if there is not enough moisture to make it available to the plant. Good mulch will help a plant to maintain the moisture in the soil, especially during our drier months of July and August. It also gives a bed a more formal look.

Spraying for diseases and pests is a controversial subject. I have found that some spraying is necessary if you want to grow healthy and attractive roses in our area. In the past several years, however, I have changed how I do this. I look for fungicides and insecticides that are organic and less damaging to bees, and I apply the spray early in the morning before the bees and other beneficial insects are about their work. For disease control, especially to prevent black spot, I begin spraying at the first sight of young leaves, as prevention is better than cure.

A rose is a spectacularly beautiful flower, but it needs a little housekeeping from us.

Dead heading and the removal of suckers is important during the growing season. This will promote more blooms and will give the plant a tidier look.

For centuries, the rose has been considered the best-loved flower. In Greek mythology, Aphrodite, the goddess of love, was regarded as the creator of the rose. It was supposed to have arisen from the mixture of her tears and the blood of her wounded lover Adonis. Whatever you choose to believe, today's roses have a long history. Over the centuries, man has taken a wild flower and, either by chance hybridization or design, has redesigned it to its wishes. This summer, welcome a rose to your garden; you will not regret it.



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School News

Leong Named Coach of the Year

Congratulations to Coach Jon Leong who was selected boys' swimming and diving Coach of the Year by the *Gazette* in March. Leong guided the Falcon boys to the Maryland Class 3A/2A/1A state championship while the girls were state finalists. Junior Diana Hanson was a second team selection in the 200m Individual Medley.

Warfield Qualifies for State National Geographic Bee Final

Amanda Warfield, who recently won the John Poole Middle School *National Geographic* geography bee, has gone on to qualify for the Maryland state competition which will be held at the Community College of

Baltimore County – Catonsville Campus at the end of March. While there were thousands of students who took the qualifying test for the state championship, Amanda scored within the top one hundred.



PHS student Amanda Warfield is on her way to compete at the state *National Geographic* Bee Championship.

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April 2
PHS Varsity Baseball Home Game
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 12:00 p.m.

Town Commissioners Meeting
 Poolesville Town Hall 7:30 p.m.

April 6
The Shazam Magic Show
 Poolesville Library
 Magician Peter Wood
 Come be enthralled and entranced by the mystifying magic of Peter Wood. This performance is for pre-school through sixth grade.
 2:00 p.m.

April 11
Free Walk-in Plant Clinic
 Montgomery County Master Gardeners
 Poolesville Library
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Girls' Lacrosse Home Match
 Damascus 12:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Boys' Tennis Home Match
 Quince Orchard 3:30 p.m.

PHS Varsity Volleyball Home Game
 Wheaton
 Boys: 5:15 p.m. Coed: 7:00 p.m.

Performance: Messiah and the Passover
 By Neil Surasky of the Chosen People Ministries
 Barnesville Baptist Church
 7:00 p.m.

April 13
PHS Varsity Boys' Lacrosse Home Match
 Wheaton 7:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Softball Game
 Rockville 3:30 p.m.

April 13 and 14
Rummage Sale
 Poolesville Presbyterian Church
 Toys, furniture, household items, and more
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Trip to Kentucky
 Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

April 14
24th Annual Potomac River Cleanup
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April 16
Town Commissioners Meeting
 Poolesville Town Hall

7:30 p.m.
 April 16 and 17
PES Kindergarten Registration/Orientation
 Parents of children in the Poolesville area with children who are five on or before September 1, 2012 should contact Mrs. Harney at 301-972-7960.

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 Thursday: Family Night at the Book Fair and Art Show
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 Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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vision and leadership.

As a Kansas-born son of a farmer, he has instant identification with small town living. After his family had to give up the farm following the tragic death of his grandfather in a farming accident, they moved to Manteca, California, another small town of only ten thousand.

As his father and mother struggled at first to rebuild their lives in California in careers with the local school system, his sisters and he did what they could. For Wade, it meant working throughout his school days. The young entrepreneur created his own little company called Kid-for-Rent. With his self-created business cards in hand, he rode around on his bicycle drumming up business. It wasn't long before he had his own stable of loyal lawn mowing customers.

Working through high school, he didn't have as much

free time as his peers, but he did have time to play football. For this dedicated exercise and body building enthusiast, it's a bit hard to imagine him as a wiry tight end.

Wade chose to enlist in the navy two weeks out of high school and served for five years as a corpsman reaching the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class before being honorably discharged. His last assignment was at the Bethesda Naval Station, after which he decided to work in construction and take some college courses while he determined his future.

The biggest milestone of his life came one day in July at the corner of Falls Road and River Road. Out hot-dogging on his beloved motorcycle, he and his buddies ran into a group of girls riding around in a '65 Mustang. He recalls a bleached-blond suggesting he give her a ride on the back of his motorcycle, but as he did, he had an eye out for one of the other girls. When Theresa Hubbard took her turn, little did

she know she was about to take the ride of her life. In fact, she has been riding on the back seat of his motorcycle for twenty-eight years now. When Wade makes up his mind, he self-critically admits that sometimes it's hard for him to change. That decisiveness, though, served him well because he quickly decided that Theresa was the one. She concurred, and they got married by October.

Two years later, their oldest Brian came along. Now twenty-five, Brian has followed his father's path in the navy. Three years later, Jake, now finishing up his training as an electrician, made his appearance. The blessing of having at least one daughter was realized when two years after Jake, Katie was born. She is currently attending college in Virginia.

Wade eventually went to work with Maryland Environmental Services, a quasi-private concern managing water systems. That position brought him to Poolesville where MES supervised the town water system. Impressed with Wade and desirous of having the town manage its own water system, former town manager Jim Alsbrook convinced Wade to leave MES and take a position to supervise the water system in 1994. With the retirement of Lori Gore, he became the town Director of Public Works which literally gave him firsthand experience of nearly every job outside of town hall.

Theresa spent most of her early years raising the kids but eventually built her own career as

a consultant with Keller Benefits, a healthcare management firm.

Through those early years, Wade continued to study geology and hydrology and, through state certification, advanced his knowledge of water and wastewater management. Eddie Kuhlman, to this day, claims that his single best decision as a commissioner was to approve the hiring of Wade as town manager.

While issues in town continue to be debated, there is one thing that has emerged as a general consensus: operationally, the town is well managed, and for that, the credit goes to Yost.

His leadership-by-example model supported by his military background has developed into a sort of band of brothers for the employees that has helped raise staff morale and erased a much earlier record of revolving-door employees who lacked that same sense of purpose and pride.

Asked what he is most proud of as a town manager, he looks to his employees who exhibit a remarkable can-do attitude, which over the years has saved the town money. Want to build a trail system? No need to bid out the job, the employees jumped at the chance. Want a new stone sign in the park? The employees did that. They have built sheds and even the Santa Claus house for the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony. Part of their job satisfaction is getting the chance to do these kinds of things on occasion.

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Asked what he likes best about being town manager, Wade points to the diversity and scope of responsibility. As he meets many other town managers, they seem to be jealous that he is able to get involved in many areas for which they would never have time.

Asked what he feels is the most significant achievement as town manager, he states that the town operates smoothly with sixteen employees when other towns of similar size may have as

many as twenty-five. As an empty-nester, Wade wistfully recalls his gratitude for having all the time he was able to spend with the kids, time as a coach for football, girls’ softball, baseball, and wrestling—time he would not have had except that he worked and lived in a small town: Poolesville, the town he so loves.

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